

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the Abstract with the following amended Abstract.

Airtime consumed by a subscriber in excess of calling plan limits is billed at a discounted rate from a reference rate associated with the calling plan. Increasing discounts may be applied as airtime consumption increases. Discounts may be customized on a per subscriber bases. For example, the number of years a subscriber has been a customer and/or the cost of the calling ~~play~~plan may be included in a discount calculation. A billing processor includes a graduated biller.